



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CONSTRUCTION CODES COORDINATING BOARD**

c/o DCRA– 1100 4th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024

CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

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CODE: Mechanical Code

SECTION NO. 801.18.5

SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. MechC-M-8-1-13

PROPOSING SUBCOMMITTEE: Mechanical TAG CHAIR: Lourenco PHONE: 202-966-0042 E-mail: al@lourenconsult.com

DATES OF PROPOSAL: 5/22/12

CCCCB PRESENTATION: 06.13.12

CCCCB APPROVAL: 6.25.2012

CHECK ONE

☒ *Revise section to read as follows:*

☐ *Delete section and substitute the following:*

☐ *Add new section to read as follows:*

☐ *Delete section without substitution.*

TYPE ALL TEXT IN 12-POINT TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT

~~LINE THROUGH TEXT TO BE DELETED~~ (highlight text, under Format, click font and check strikethrough)

UNDERLINE TEXT TO BE ADDED

Use additional sheets of the form, if necessary.

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Anticipated impact of code change on cost of construction (CHECK ONE)

☐ *Increase*

☐ *Decrease*

☒ *Negligible*

☐ *Unknown*

Per 1,000 SF single-family dwelling

to

Per 1,000SF of commercial building

to

JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGE:

Please reference one or more of the criteria required

☒ **To address a critical life/safety, health, general welfare need.**

☐ **To address a specific District of Columbia policy or statute**

☐ **For consistency with federal, or with reference to the Metro DC area (MD, VA) codes**

☐ **Address a unique character issue in the District of Columbia**

☐ **Correction of errors and omissions**

☐ **Other (explain)**

To address verification of integrity of existing chimneys every time a new vented appliance is connected to such chimney. The IMC is moot on this matter. Amendment is similar in contents to existing Section M-801.21 of the current DCMR 12 E, with other added compliance options that make it easier to meet the requirement without jeopardizing life safety.



SECTION 801 GENERAL

Insert new Section 801.18.5 to the Mechanical Code to read as follows:

801.18. 5 Integrity inspection. Before a new or replacement *vented appliance* is approved for use in connection with an existing chimney, the chimney shall be relined or shall be inspected for integrity by the permit holder, in the presence of the *code official*, using a scented smoke test or other approved method. In lieu of observing the test, the *code official* is authorized to accept a certification of integrity of the chimney, issued by the licensed contractor who conducted the inspection or test.